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PROGRAM

REFS: (A) KINSHASA 3617, DTD 14 APR 78

(B) FASTO 22

(C) KINSHASA 5527, DTD 30 MAY 78

1. INFORMATION IN REF (A) CONCERNING COMMODITIES - TYPE AND GRADE,
REMAINS THE SAME.

2. CONTRACTING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES HAVE OBVIOUSLY CHANGED:

(A) WHEAT - LOCAL MILL HAS A MAXIMUM OPERATING CAPACITY OF 13,000
MT PER MONTH IF MACHINERY OPERATED 24 HOURS A DAY EVERY DAY WITHOUT
SHUT-
DOWN FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING. NORMAL OPERATING RATE
HAS BEEN 10,000 TONS PER MONTH FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME. STOR
AGE
CAPACITY AT MILL IS 13,000 MT. GIVEN PRESENT WHEAT IN STORAGE AND
WHEAT IN TRANSIT PIPELINE FOR WHICH GOZ HAS PAID, MILL CAN OPERATE
AT 10,000 TONS PER MONTH CAPACITY UNTIL THE END OF JULY. THEREFORE,
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480 TITLE I WHEAT SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED TO ARRIVE AT MATADI LATE JULY

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AT ABSOLUTE LATEST IF THERE IS TO BE NO INTERRUPTION OF SUPPLY. SIZE

OF SHIPMENTS

WILL BE CONTROLLED BY RIVER DRAFT AND MILL STORAGE CAPACITY.

JULY/AUGUST ARE RIVER'S LOW LEVEL MONTHS AND, THEREFORE, EACH SHIP-
MENT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 9,000 TONS. PROPOSING DATES IS IMPOSSIBLE

AS WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED. IT WOULD SEEM

THAT SHIPMENT DATES WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH CONTINENTAL NEW YORK REGARDLESS OF WHO IS AWARDED WHEAT DELIVERY CONTRACT.

(B) COTTON - SHOULD BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UTEXCO PRODUCES THE BAGS WHICH MIDEMA USES FOR FLOUR. MIDEMA CARRIES A 2-MONTH BAG RESERVE. WITH UTEXCO CLOSURE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL AND JUNE, IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT COTTON BE MOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(C) TOBACCO - SHIPMENTS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED TO ENSURE SHIPMENT FROM THE U.S. PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1.

(D) RICE - PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS SHOULD STILL BE HELD PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRIBUTION PLAN. DEPARTMENT OF PLAN HAS AGREED TO A

MEETING ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16 AT 10:0P A.M. TO DISCUSS DISTRIBUTION PLAN

AG ATTACHE IS PREPARING A LETTER WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND SUGGESTIONS WITH THE INTENTION OF TURNING THIS INTO A WORKING MEETING

RATHER THAN A MEETING TO DISCUSS NEED FOR DISTRIBUTION PLAN, WITH WORKING MEETING TO FOLLOW. COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS REALIZE URGENT NEED FOR FOOD IMPORTS AND DESIRABILITY OF RICE, BUT CONDITIONS FOR ABUSE ARE NOW GREATER THAN EVER AND UNLESS WE CAN DEVELOP SOME TYPE OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DISTRIBUTION AND SALES PROGRAM, RICE AID COULD VERY EASILY BACKFIRE IN TERMS OF POPULATION'S PERCEPTION OF AMERICAN ASSISTANCE.

3. RECEIVING AND STORAGE FACILITIES REMAIN ADEQUATE. NO SPOILAGE
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OR WASTE IS ANTICIPATED.

4. BANKS. LIST OF BANKS GIVEN IN REF (A), PARA 4, WERE CONCURRED IN AND A TELEX WAS SENT FROM THE BANK OF ZAIRE TO THE ZAIRIAN EMBASSY

IN WASHINGTON FORMALIZING THIS CONCURRENCE. THIS OFFICE HAS A COPY OF THE TELEX WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, IS NOT DATED THOUGH IT WAS SENT HERE UNDER A LETTER DATED APRIL 21.

5. AS STATED BEFORE, WE CAN NOT GIVE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT GOZ WILL MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN AN ORDERLY AND PROMPT MANNER. WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY ASSURED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT THIS WILL BE DONE AND WE BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL DO SO.

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